

Mr. McLean, moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following;

And be it enacted, that no person who may have applied for, and obtained the benefit of the insolvent laws of this State, shall become chargeable with any debt due before such application by reason of any promise after such application, unless the same is made in writing.

Determined in the negative.

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McLean, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled, an act relating to mortgages in the city of Baltimore;

On motion of Mr. McLean, said bill was laid on the table, and made the order of this day;

The bill reported by Mr. Billingsley, from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, entitled, an act relating to the land warrants granted to revolutionary soldiers, or to persons claiming under them, was taken up for consideration;

Mr. Smith, from the minority of said committee, delivered the following report.

The undersigned comprising a minority of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred certain land warrants for revolutionary services, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following report:—

The undersigned being impressed with the belief that the bill reported by the majority of the committee, ought not to pass, and in order to call the attention of the legislature to this subject, they deem it necessary to notice the several acts of Assembly touching the bounty lands claimed by the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line. By an act of October session, 1777, chap. 8, the State engaged to grant at the end of three years from the time of enlistment, a bounty of fifty acres of land within its limits, to each of 2000 recruits, (thereby directed to be raised as its quota of the American army) a bounty of 100 acres of land within the State, in three years from the 1st of February, then next, to every recruiting officer appointed in pursuance of the act, who should enlist and deliver twenty such able bodied and effective recruits, on or before the 20th of January, 1778, and also a bounty of fifty acres to every such recruiting officer who should enlist and deliver twenty such able bodied, effective recruits, on or before the 1st of March, 1778. The above act further